in getting possession of their own house to live at the fag end of their life, especially after the retirement from Government and other jobs, because of the provisions under Delhi Rent Control Act and such Acts applicable to other metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to amend different Rent Control Acts of various metropolises, if so, by when;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and at what stage the draft legislation in respect of Delhi stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Representations to this effect are being received.

(b) and (c) Rent Control being a State subject, the amendment of the Rent Control Acts applicable to various metropolises, other than Delhi, is the concern of the respective State Governments, so far as amendment of Delhi Rent Control Act is concerned, the matter is under active consideraion of Government.

Drinking water in Government Colony, Vasant Vihar

787. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated quantity of water required by the residents of Government Colony, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi;

(b) the quantity of water promised to be supplied by the MCD;

(c) the quatity of water actually being supplied by the MCD;

(d) whether it is a fact that the water is being supplied at present is not pure and notable and the water tanks are also dirty; and

(e) the steps taken to meet the problem of short-supply of pure drinking water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) About 4 lac gallons per day for a population of 6615 persons.

(b) Two lac gallons per day.

(c) For the present population of about 2000 persons, about 60,000 gallons of water is being supplied. In addition 3 tubewells have been commissioned recently to augment this supply.

(d) No, Sir, water is being tested periodically and reports are satisfactory.

(e) Full requirement of this colony is expected to be met with the completion of Booster Pumping Station at Deer Park by the end of 1988.

Per capita cultivable land

788. SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the per capita cultivable land when the country attained Independence;

(b) what is the per capita cultivable land at present; and

(c) whether there is any decline in the per capita cultivable land and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The per capita cultivable land in the country during 1950-51, when comparable information had become available for most of the States, was estimated at 0.52 hectares, and during 1983-84 (latest year for which land use statistics have become available), it was 0.25 hectares.

(c) The decline in per capita cultivable land is mainly due to increase in population and also to marginal decline in total cultivable area because o fincreased use